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Dear Elizabeth:

I cannot think of anyone whom I was happier to see in the audience on October 16th than yourself. I had a small setback just in the timing of rapprochement with my old friends: namely that it turns out that I had a torn tendon in my shoulder for which I have just been operated and look forward to a somewhat awkward splint and convalescence for some few weeks now. That will also perhaps explain the form of signature. We have to get to see you as soon as possible nevertheless.

I passed on your remarks about Sister Mahoney to Vice President Rodney Nichols who has been working on the Council. It is a quasi-governmental group that has been charged with preparing the United States position for a Conference on Science and Technology for Development which will be held in Vienna next year. Rod Nichols has been very active in that as has Fred Seitz.

Sister Mahoney might also be interested in a new initiative coming out of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to revamp the technological aid aspects of the Agency for International Development and turn it into a foundation for international technological cooperation. When I get back to the office I will rummage for a clipping that describes this FITC activity in more detail but a note to Dr. Frank Press, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.

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20500, will accomplish the same purpose. I am sure that he would be happy to have Sister Mahoney's interest, both for technical and for political reasons, well articulated.

Yours sincerely,


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